GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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TRAFFICKING OF TSUNAMI AFFECTED CHILDREN AND WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has expressed concern that women and children in the Tsunami affected areas may become victims of trafficking; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that these helpless people are not exploited?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH):

(a) and (b) This Ministry has not received any advisory from NHRC. However, the Government has made State Police vigilant on the issue. Concerned Secretries of the affected states looking after Women and Child Affairs have been requested to ensure that the vulnerability of the affected children should not result in their trafficking. Regular advertisements on local network of Doordarshan and other channels in Tsunami affected states have been broadcast giving helpline numbers for the persons who have any information relating to trafficking of children.